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ONLY THREE OF SIX CUE WIZARDS REMAIN



HOPPE, BILLIARD CHAMPION OF WORLD.

Six names of cueists are pointed to in the billiard hall of fame, Willie Hoppe, George Sutton, George Slosson, Jake Schaeffer, Maurice Vignaux and Frank Ives. Of the six but three are living, Ives, Vignaux and Schaeffer having passed on. Slosson, an old man, is no longer in the running. Recently Hoppe put Sutton in the same class and today the world's billiard champion at all distances stands in a class by himself, without a single billiard player being able to give him a good battle. Sutton has been a great player and is the only one who ever defeated Hoppe for the 181 crown. Sutton is still a skillful billiardist, but Hoppe has improved so steadily that the veteran looked like a novice in their recent meet.

Holds World's Titles.

Hoppe holds both the 181 and 182 world's titles. The 181 game is entirely too difficult for even the champion, and has been discarded. Hoppe took the 181 crown from Vignaux in Paris when the Frenchman was 58 and Hoppe 40 years his junior. Sutton wrested this title from Hoppe, but the latter regained it at the expense of Ora Morningstar.

From almost infancy Willie's life has been devoted to billiards. He was able to beat his father at pocket billiards before he was six years old. When he was ten he averaged 13 at

14.2 ballline. Thus when he beat Vignaux it was natural to say, "I told you so."

Compared to Ives.

Hoppe has often been compared to Frank Ives. Ives was a meteor in the billiard world that flashed into view 20 years ago, but he had nothing in common with Hoppe. Before he became a great cueist Ives had tried his hands at many things, while Hoppe has been at the green cloth game his entire life. Previous to becoming a billiardist Ives had been a jockey, bicycle rider, racetrack bookmaker, roller skater, in fact a jack-of-all-trades. Ives was a wonderful shotmaker, one of the most spectacular in the history of the game, but he never reached the proficiency of Hoppe in handling the cue.

Hoppe's billiards are the same to him as religion. Although he probably knew Sutton could not give him a hard battle in the St. Louis match, Hoppe trained faithfully for the contest, starting the middle of August. First he played alone on a set schedule of each day and in the last two weeks of his training took on "Chick" Wright, a well-known San Francisco cueist, to polish off his preparatory work. While he loves to golf, Hoppe refuses to play the game for fear it would spoil his touch with the cue, as it is more rigorous exercise.

"Freddie" Welch is champion because he boxes with his head," says an expert. Never heard of him butting anybody.

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, may next season book gridiron contests with University of California, Nebraska and other big eleven.

Rumor has it at Salt Lake that Cliff Blankenship, deposed manager of the Salt Lake Bees, has purchased enough stock in the club to gain control.

August Herrmann has been chairman of the national baseball commission since the American and National leagues formed their peace agreement in 1903.

George Washington university will hold its annual indoor track meet in Convention hall, Washington, D. C., March 2, 1917.

Allan Sothoron, Portland Pacific Coast league hurler, who won 13 straight games last season, has been drafted by the Cardinals for next year.

A new trap-shooting club has been formed at Minaki, Ont., with 30 members, and plans have been mapped out for a two days' registered shoot to 1917.

Annie Oakley, the famous shot, was fifty years of age in August, and on her birthday she broke 98 out of 100 targets.

Carpenter Famous in War.

Georges Carpentier, the famous French pugilist, who is an aviator, has been proposed for the Military medal. Carpentier already has been decorated with the War cross.

SPORTING WORLD

This year's new 2:05 pacers number 22.

St. Louis is estimated to have 50,000 ten-pin enthusiasts.

Cornell university has a new rifle range with 12 targets.

English racetracks may try the pari-mutuel system of betting.

Jersey City, N. J., has turned Reservoir park into an athletic field.

Many professional athletes think they are amateurs when they get their pay checks.

Pennsylvania has enacted a law giving prohibition to the bear. The bag limit is one bear per year.

Susquehanna's recent defeat of Bucknell was its first gridiron victory over that institution in 31 years.

Jimmy Essinger, baseball writer, has been appointed sporting editor of the Philadelphia North American.

Syracuse is to have a new racetrack costing \$75,000, which will be the scene of future Grand circuit and other races.

Dick Hoblitzel, first baseman of the champion Red Sox, is assisting in the coaching of the Colby College football eleven.

BIG EVENTS OF 1916

Incidents of Baseball Season That Appear Noteworthy.

Several Pitchers Performed Unusual Stunts — Alexander Establishes New Whitewash Record — Speaker Supplies Cobb.

A compiler of the dope has counted these events as among the noteworthy things of the baseball season that has just come to its close:

Four no-hit, no-run games in the big leagues—three in the American and one in the National. The pitchers who performed these feats were: Leonard of the Red Sox, against St. Louis; Foster of the Red Sox, against Washington; Bush of the Athletics, against Cleveland, and Hughes of the Braves, against Pittsburgh.

Grover Cleveland Alexander, the great pitcher of the Phillies, set up a new whitewash record by pitching 10 shutout games. The old mark was 19, held by Mathewson.

Zach Wheat of the Brooklyn Robins made one or more safe hits in 29 consecutive games. In the 29 games he polled a total of 45 safeties.

The New York Giants won 26 consecutive games, and, in doing so, shattered the long-standing major league record of 20 straight made by Providence in 1884.

In losing 20 straight games the Athletics tied the American league record for consecutive defeats. The Mackmen also hung up a new mark for defeats in one season with 117 games in the lost column, against 113 registered by Washington in 1904, the worst previous record.

The "Iron man" stunt, or pitching and winning two games in one afternoon, was performed by four big league twirlers. They were: Davenport of the Browns, pitching against the Yankees; Furr of the Giants, against the Phillies; Alexander of the



Tris Speaker.

Phillies, against Cincinnati, and Demaree of the Phillies, pitching against the Pirates.

Outfielder Eddie Mensor, playing with the Spokane Northwestern league team, took part in 114 games and handled 236 chances without an error.

Kennie Kirkman, outfielder of the St. Joseph team of the Western league, made 33 hits in 80 times at bat. Ty Cobb in 1915, set a record of 81 hits in 80 times up.

The St. Louis Browns won 24 games in a row, the best performance in the American league this season for consecutive games won.

Every club in the American league, with the exception of the Athletics, led the race for at least one day. Cleveland, New York, Boston and Washington were up there most of the time, while the others enjoyed the privilege for shorter periods, including ties.

After leading the American league batmen for nine years in succession Ty Cobb lost the batting championship to Tris Speaker.

PRISCILLA BEING BROKEN UP

Famous Centerboard Sloop Sold for Old Iron—Keel to Be Utilized for Bullets.

The Priscilla, built to defend the America's cup in 1885, was an iron centerboard sloop and won many exciting races conducted under the auspices of the New York Yacht Club. It is being broken up by a Philadelphia dealer in old iron and the London keel will be utilized in the manufacture of bullets for rapid-fire guns, rifles and revolvers. The hull of the old racer will be converted into a fishing schooner.

Colleges to Resume Chess.

After remaining idle for six years at Princeton, the international intercollegiate chess trophy, for which the American colleges competed against Oxford and Cambridge by cable over a stretch of ten years, will again be placed in competition.

BOY AND 3 MEN CAPTURE 204

Italian Sub-Lieutenant Gets Gold Medal After Bringing in Prisoners.

FIRST TO ENTER GORIZZ

Waves Flag From Roof of Railroad Station and Brings Comrades—His Camera Taken for Bomb by Austrians.

Rome.—One of the stories of heroism and bravery that is on everyone's lips is of Sub-Lieutenant Baruzzi, a modest young man, nineteen years old, who has been awarded the gold medal for valor. With only three men he captured an Austrian detachment of four officers and 290 soldiers entrenched under a railroad bridge, and afterward he entered Goritz and hoisted the first Italian flag over the city.

All attempts to interview Lieutenant Baruzzi and make him tell his own story proved fruitless. Like all real heroes he is very modest, and when asked for an interview he replied that he was very busy and, besides, he had nothing to say. A general finally came to the rescue of the newspaper men. He invited the lieutenant to dinner and made him talk for the benefit of the public. This is the story Lieutenant Baruzzi told the general:

"I was out of the lines in command of a patrol of three men, and I discovered that an Austrian detachment was barricaded under the railroad bridge close to the Isonzo. The Austrians were in a sort of tunnel, the entrance of which was protected with sandbags and timber. Our guns were firing all over the place. I decided to enter the tunnel, and went in, pistol in hand, shouting 'Surrender!' I ordered my three men to cover the officers with their rifles, telling them that so long as the officers did not move their men would not show any fight. And, in fact, that is exactly what happened.

Sends for Help.

"Five minutes passed and I was thinking to myself that it was impossible to get the Austrians out. We disarmed the officers and got them out, and I sent one of my three men to our lines to report that we had captured 200 Austrians and needed reinforcements. The man went to our lines and came back on his hands and knees, crawling to escape our fire, and reported that reinforcements could not be sent before the artillery had ceased fire. We waited for a good bit, and I had to shout at the Austrians the whole time to keep them still. Finally the reinforcements arrived and took the whole lot prisoners.

"I strolled toward the Isonzo and saw some men under cover. Do you want to come with me? I asked them. They wanted to know where to and when I said Goritz, of course, they replied that the Austrians were firing against the bridge and that it was impossible to cross it. 'I know that,' I said, 'but come along all the same. We'll run for it and get to Goritz all right!'

"The soldiers hesitated just for an instant, but seeing that I was running toward the bridge they followed me shouting at the top of their voices: 'To Goritz! To Goritz!' We crossed the bridge on the run and got into the city. It was empty. Some Austrians were coming toward us. I halted, took out my camera and snapped at them. They evidently thought it was a bomb or something like it, because they raised their arms and surrendered.

Waves Flag on Roof.

"We went on until we reached the railroad station. Here I got on the roof and waved the Italian flag I had with

GOAT A FLAMING METEOR

Plunged Through Farms, Leaving Trail of Fire—Ignited Fields and Barns.

Bowling Green, Ky.—Careening madly over the countryside, every hair of his coat ablaze, a goat recently applied the torch to fields and buildings near Bowling Green, Ky., leaving in his wake a blazing trail that brought volunteer fire fighters out in force.

Twenty-five acres of grass, two big stock barns and a large amount of fencing were ignited. Then Billy, wearied by his headlong flight and suffering from the flames that were rapidly roasting him, keeled over in the midst of the conflagration he had started and died.

Fifteen acres of grass on the farm of Miss Ethel Hunt were destroyed, as were several acres on adjoining places of property. The barns were saved by neighbors.

How the goat's coat became ignited may never be known. The secret of his flaming career died with him, although it was suspected that he ate

me in the direction of our lines beyond the Isonzo. I knew at once that my flag had been seen, because I could hear the men cheering loud and long. I tied the flag to a pole and left it there, and when I got down from the roof the first detachments of Italian troops were rushing at the double toward the city, which they entered shortly afterward."

The flag that Lieutenant Baruzzi hoisted over Goritz was not larger than an ordinary pocket handkerchief, but it was sufficient to provoke the cheers of the men waiting beyond the river, and undoubtedly hastened their advance and entry into the city.

DOG BURIED AMONG FLOWERS

Neat Box Made for Pet That Was Killed by an Automobile in Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Learning that Bonnie, a prized dog which had been owned by the family for more than twelve years, had been killed by an automobile, and had been buried in a back yard, Mrs. L. H. Clayton of Jenkintown had the pet disinterred and taken to the Clayton house in Greenwood avenue.

A neat box was made and Bonnie's body was surrounded by flowers and suitably interred at a place selected by Mrs. Clayton.

Bonnie was for years the friend of nearly every child in the York road borough. The dog responded to fire calls with the volunteers, and every time the telephone alarm at the Independent station rang the dog would run across the street to a point in front of the fire station.

SCULPTURED BY A WOMAN



A remarkable piece of sculpture representing electricity, which adds a picturesque touch to the tower of the new Telephone and Telegraph company building in New York city. It is the work of Miss Evelyn Beatrice Longman, well known for her creative ability and a recognized leader in her art. The statue, which is modeled in bronze, weighs exactly 16 tons, one of the largest in the country. It stands 436 feet above the street level, and is 24 feet high. The Telephone and Telegraph building is 27 stories high, erected to house the combined New York offices of the Telephone and Telegraph companies.

a box of matches and washed them down with kerosene.

Puss Becomes Wildcat

Weston, Ore.—When a fire warden shot a strange animal on Mount Emily's peak, near La Grande, and didn't know what it was, but realized it resembled a large house cat, he slew a pet pussy that strayed from a mountain cabin in that vicinity almost five years ago. In its response to the call of the wild it had wintered ten feet of snow, escaped coyotes and predatory animals, hunters and traps. The isolation doubled its size and made it a wild beast. J. E. Blumentstein, a mountaineer, identified the carcass as that of his lost kitty.

"Star Boarder" in Bad.

Evansville, Ind.—Al Steiner, "star boarder" at the house of Charles Stuart, made the mistake of taking sides with Mrs. Stuart in quarrels with her husband. The last attempt to make peace resulted in Stuart killing Steiner.

FRENCH AUTHOR LAUDS AMERICANS

Gaston Riou Pays Eloquent Tribute to the Twenty-Five Killed in War.

300 BATTLE IN THE RANKS

Majority Entitled for Cover of Uniform and of Right—Dead Were Men of Conscience and of Pure and Strong Character.

Under the headlines "Heroes Neutralized," "American Volunteers," the Paris Post printed on November 1, All Saints' day, the day the French people think of their dead and visit their tombs, the following eloquent tribute to American fighters for France, written by Gaston Riou, a well-known author, whose "Journal of a French Soldier" has been one of the few really successful pieces of literature produced since the war began.

By GASTON RIOU.

Paris.—There are nearly 300 citizens of the United States in the French army. More than 100 have been wounded and 25 have been killed. May a personal friend of several of them be allowed to present this company of brave men to France?

Some—very few—have volunteered from love of war; for example, this youth of seventeen, already wearing a stripe, who confessed to a comrade, "I love fighting, I love to make a charge, but what a bore the trenches are!" Others, perhaps a dozen, have welcomed a chance for adventure and have taken service, far less to defend a cause than to escape from a peaceful, gray, monotonous existence, to shut off into divisions by laws and customs.

Why They Enrolled.

But the great majority of these Americans, and it is their glory as much as ours, have enrolled themselves under our flag from love of France and right.

I have before me a pile of letters that prove it. Those who wrote them, legionaries or aviators, sleep now on the Marne, in Artois, in Alsace, among our own dead. Witnesses who fight till they are killed may be believed.

Almost all belong to the intellectual class. The father of Chapman, who died for France at the age of twenty-six, is one of the first writers of his country, and his great-grandfather signed the famous Declaration of Rights which founded the American republic. Kenneth Weeks, who died at twenty-six, on June 16, 1915, at Givenchy, is the author of "Free Impractical Plays," "Science, Sentiments and Senses," works of art and philosophy which give the promise of a master thinker.

Norman Prince belonged to one of the richest and most esteemed families of Boston. Alan Sagar, died on July 4 at Belleau-en-Bataillon, wrote some of the finest verse that the war has inspired. As for Edith Rockwell, that great soldier, whose loss his chief of encadilla, announced with the words, "The bravest and best of us is no more," he descended from ancient Anglo-Norman stock, the famous Baron de Rochefort, companion of William the Conqueror, being his direct ancestor.

Refined and Loved Life.

All these young men, the elite of America's elite, were refined and loved life. They believed that the splendor of life was to struggle for justice and right. Sons of Washington and Lincoln, they had the cult of democracy. They were modern in every acceptance of the term, hating violence and revering the dignity of man and of peoples. Above all they were men of conscience, of pure and strong characters.

GIRL HAS TRIPLETS AT 18

Husband of Young Baltimore Matron Is 19 Years Old and Her Mother Only 34.

Baltimore, Md.—Probably one of the youngest mothers of triplets ever in this city is Mrs. Lena Stockman, who is only eighteen years old. Three baby girls recently arrived at her home. Their father, Lawrence Stockman, is but nineteen years old.

Mrs. Mary Herr, mother of Mrs. Stockman, has indirectly achieved a record of her own. She is only thirty-four years old. The other week she was merely a mother; now she has three grandchildren.

Gets Wedding License at 77.

Chicago.—"Youth? Where does it come?" asked Robert J. Bennett, who at seventy-seven years of age took out a marriage license to marry Mrs. Adelaide Abbott, who is proud of her sixty-nine years. Mr. Bennett is vice president of the W. M. Hoyt company, wholesale grocers. His first wife died 18 months ago. Mrs. Abbott is a widow, whose home is in California.